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SUBJ: GSP IMPLEMENTATION

REF: STATE 277543, STATE 302073, STATE 303308

1. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY LACKS SUFFICIENT COPIES OF PRODUCT
LISTS, CUSTOMS REGULATIONS, ETC., TO MAKE MAJOR PRE-
SENTATION OF GSP DETAILED PROCEDURES TO TUNISIAN
GOVERNMENT AND EXPORTERS, EMBOFF MET WITH TUNISIAN
EXPORT PROMOTION AGENCY (CEPEX) TO REVIEW POINT-BY-POINT
PROCEDURES AS OUTLINED REFTELS. EMBOFF NOTED THAT
BROCHURES IN FRENCH GIVING PROCEDURES, ELIGIBLE PRODUCTS
AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS ARE IN PRODUCTION WHICH WOULD EASE
PROBLEM OF DISSEMINATING THIS INFORMATION. CEPEX
OFFICIALS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR PROPOSED BROCHURES
AND SUGGESTED EMBASSY/CEPEX CONFERENCE BE HELD WHEN
BROCHURE AVAILABLE.

2. REVIEW OF PROCEDURES RAISED ONE QUESTION NOT
ADDRESSED BY REFS, I.E., DOES "APPRAISED VALUE OF
MERCHANDISE AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO US" (STATE 302073,
PARA 2) INCLUDE FREIGHT TO US? IF SO, IS FREIGHT ON
BDC BOTTOM INCLUDED IN 35 PERCENT VALUE ADDED FOR BDC?
STATEMENT THAT "APPRAISED VALUE" WILL IN MOST CASES
EQUAL "EX-FACTORY PRICE" TENDS TO INDICATE THAT
FREIGHT IS EXCLUDED, BUT WOULD PREFER TO BE SURE.

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3. NAMES, ETC., OF TUNISIAN OFFICIALS EMPOWERED TO

SIGN UNCTAD CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN FORM A NOT YET
AVAILABLE, DESPITE REPEATED REQUESTS FROM RELEVANT
GOT OFFICIALS. CEPEX HAS NOW PROMISED TO INTERVENE
AND OBTAIN LIST HOPEFULLY WITHIN ONE WEEK. LIST WILL
PROBABLY BE LONG AS SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF GOT CUSTOMS
OFFICIALS HAVE NECESSARY AUTHORITY.
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